

HOUSE RESOLUTION 154
By Baird

A RESOLUTION to commend and congratulate Dr. Jesse Lee Walker upon being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Campbell County Rotary Club and for his laudable service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated their professional careers and personal excellence to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their hard work, expertise, and dedication, these sterling individuals have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Lee Walker is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of Campbell County, Jesse Walker is a highly respected member of his community; and

WHEREAS, because of his tireless and selfless community service, Dr. Walker was recently named "Citizen of the Year" by the Campbell County Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as a physician, Jesse Walker has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from Emory Medical School in 1941, Dr. Walker answered his patriotic call to duty by serving in the Philippines for the U.S. Army during World War II; he has continued his admirable service to his country by joining the U.S. Air Force Reserve after the completion of his duty in the U.S. Army; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Walker's outstanding success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walker is responsible for a network of federally-funded health care clinics located throughout the coal-mining communities in and around Campbell County. He was instrumental in obtaining federal approval for these clinics to use nurse practitioners and physician assistants to help alleviate the staffing problems in the clinics, in addition to allowing him to oversee more clinics and make house calls to patients who live far away; and

WHEREAS, Jesse Walker is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor in Campbell County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Walker has unselfishly served his fellow man with a gentle bedside manner, providing medical care throughout every community and neighboring community in which he has ever lived. He has provided medical care to anyone in need—no matter their ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, his alma mater, Emory Medical School, honored Dr. Walker in 1998 with the distinguished Emory Medal of Honor for his peerless work in medicine; and

WHEREAS, loving the Lord and endeavoring to lead an exemplary Christian life, Dr. Walker faithfully worships the Lord as an active and devout member of Jellico Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Dr. Walker is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his devoted wife, Carolyn Sue Walker, their seven children, and eleven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jesse Lee Walker is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby congratulate Dr. Jesse Lee Walker upon being named "Citizen of the Year" by the Campbell County Rotary Club, commend him for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee, and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.